IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFF

In re application of:

Domenica A. Simms

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For: RNA Isolation Reagent and

Methods

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Examiner: Owens, H.

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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 16, 1999 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 9), Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

In claim 2, line 1, delete the term "isolation" and insert therefor --extraction--.

In claim 3, line 1, delete the term "isolation" and insert therefor --extraction--.

In claim 21, line 1, delete the term "isolation" and insert therefor --extraction--.